**Re-opening of Standard Batteries Company, Bombay**

4156. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Standard Batteries Company, Bombay is under a lock out; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to reopen the company?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, the management of the Standard Batteries Company, Bombay effected suspension of operation from 21st April, 1992 and subsequently effected lock out from 7th May, 1992. The State Industrial Relations Machinery has already intervened in the matter as a result of which negotiations between the management and the workers are in progress.

**Legislation for construction workers**

4157. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Construction Workers' Federation of India has submitted any Memorandum to the Government pleading for enactment of a comprehensive legislation for the construction workers; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Irregularities by business hours in New Delhi**

4158. SYED SIBTEY DAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of business houses located in street Tel mills near New Delhi Railway Station have put untrained labourers to work on risky jobs and are not paying minimum wages according to labour laws;

(b) whether Government propose to have survey of these business houses to ensure legitimate wages to engage labourers and also to shift these houses from residential locality to commercial complexes;

(c) whether working hours of these houses are from 9.00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M.;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action against these business houses; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not; the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Minimum wages for Chowkidars**

4159. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the minimum wages fixed for Chowkidars working in Government offices on daily wages and what are their duty hours;

(b) what are the minimum wages and duty hours fixed for such daily wage Chowkidars in M.C.D. Primary Schools at present;

(c) whether there is any disparity between the wages and duty hours of Chowkidars in Government offices and Education Department of Municipal Corporation of Delhi;